CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

- 1. (Withdrawn) A layered group III-N article, comprising:
 - a silicon single crystal substrate;
- a single crystal zinc oxide (ZnO) buffer layer disposed on and in contact with said substrate, and
 - a single crystal group III-N layer disposed on said ZnO buffer layer.
- 2. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 1, wherein said group III-N layer comprises GaN.
- 3. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 1, wherein said group III-N layer is an epitaxial layer.
- 4. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 1, wherein a thickness of said ZnO layer is less than 200 angstroms.
- 5. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 5, wherein said thickness is less than 100 angstroms.
- 6. (Withdrawn) A light-emitting diode (LED), comprising:
 - a silicon (111) single crystal substrate;
 - a zinc oxide (ZnO) comprising layer on said substrate;
 - a single crystal group III-nitride semiconductor epitaxial layer on said ZnO layer,

and

an active layer on said group III-nitride layer.

- 7. (Withdrawn) The LED of claim 6, wherein said ZnO layer is a single crystal.
- 8. (Withdrawn) The LED of claim 6, wherein said group III-nitride layer comprises GaN.
- 9. (Withdrawn) The LED of claim 6, wherein one terminal of said LED is contacted through said silicon substrate.
- 10. (Withdrawn) The LED of claim 6, further comprising a first and second cladding layer sandwiching said active layer.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The LED of claim 6, wherein said active layer comprises $In_xGa_{1-x}N$, wherein $0 \le X \le 1$.
- 12. (Original) A method for forming group III-N based articles, comprising the steps of:

 providing a single crystal silicon substrate;

 depositing a single crystal zinc oxide (ZnO) layer on said substrate, and

 depositing a single crystal group III-N layer on said ZnO layer, wherein at least a portion

 of said step of depositing group III-N layer is performed at a temperature of less than 600° C.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said step of depositing said group III-N layer comprises depositing a seed layer at a temperature of no more than 600° C, followed by a

step of depositing another portion of said group III-N layer at a temperature of more than 600° C.

- 14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of treating said ZnO layer with a gallium comprising gas before said step of depositing said group III-N layer.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said gallium comprising gas comprises triethyl gallium.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said group III-N layer comprises GaN.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said group III-N layer is an epitaxial layer.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein a thickness of said ZnO layer is less than 200 angstroms.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said step of depositing a zinc oxide (ZnO) layer comprises pulsed laser deposition.